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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Third Committee (A/62/439/Add.3)*]

62/222. Situation of human rights in Myanmar

The General Assembly,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[1] and recalling the International Covenants on Human Rights[2] and other relevant human rights instruments,

Reaffirming that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms and the duty to fulfil the obligations they have undertaken under the various international instruments in this field,

Reaffirming also its previous resolutions on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, the most recent of which is resolution 61/232 of 22 December 2006, those of the Commission on Human Rights and resolution S-5/1 of 2 October 2007, adopted by the Human Rights Council at its fifth special session,[3]

Welcoming the statement by the President of the Security Council issued on 11 October 2007,[4]

Recalling that everyone has the right to take part in the government of his or her country, directly or through freely chosen representatives, the right to freedom of opinion and expression and the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association,

Deeply concerned at the situation of human rights in Myanmar, and in particular at the recent violent repression of peaceful demonstrations, including through beatings, killings, arbitrary detentions and enforced disappearances,

1. *Strongly condemns* the use of violence against peaceful demonstrators who were exercising their rights to freedom of opinion and expression and to peaceful assembly and association, and expresses its condolences to the victims and their families;

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[1] Resolution 217 A (III).

[2] Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

[3] A/HRC/S-5/2, chap. I. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 53* (A/63/53).

[4] S/PRST/2007/37; see *Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council, 1 August 2007–31 July 2008*.

2. *Expresses grave concern* at:

(*a*) The ongoing systematic violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, of the people of Myanmar, as described in resolution 61/232 and in previous resolutions of the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the Human Rights Council;

(*b*) The arbitrary detentions, including the use of physical violence, in response to peaceful protests, and the extension, once again, of the house arrest of the General Secretary of the National League for Democracy, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, as well as the continuing high number of political prisoners, including other political leaders, persons belonging to ethnic nationalities and human rights defenders;

(*c*) The major and repeated violations of international humanitarian law committed against civilians, as denounced by the International Committee of the Red Cross in June 2007;

(*d*) The discrimination and violations suffered by persons belonging to ethnic nationalities of Myanmar, particularly in border and conflict areas, and attacks by military forces and non-State armed groups on villages in Karen State and other ethnic States in Myanmar, leading to extensive forced displacements and serious violations and other abuses of the human rights of the affected populations;

(*e*) The absence of effective and genuine participation of the representatives of the National League for Democracy and other political parties and some ethnic nationality groups in the National Convention and the slow pace of the democratic reform;

(*f*) The continuous deterioration of the living conditions and the increase of poverty affecting a significant part of the population throughout the country, with serious consequences for the enjoyment of their economic, social and cultural rights;

3. *Welcomes:*

(*a*) The reports of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar[5] and his oral presentations, as well as the agreement of the Government of Myanmar to his visit in November 2007 after four years of his having been denied access;

(*b*) The report of the Secretary-General[6] and his designation of a Special Adviser on Myanmar to continue to pursue his mandate of good offices, and affirms its full support for his mission;

(*c*) The visits of the Special Adviser to Myanmar in October and November 2007;

(*d*) The conclusion between the International Labour Organization and the Government of Myanmar of an understanding designed to provide a mechanism to enable victims of forced labour to seek redress;

(*e*) The visits to Myanmar of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and the Assistant Secretary-General for

[5] See A/62/223 and A/HRC/4/14.

[6] A/62/498.

Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator at the invitation of the Government of Myanmar, and the implementation of some of the measures agreed during those visits;

(*f*) The progress reported on the work conducted by the Government of Myanmar and international humanitarian entities on HIV/AIDS and avian influenza;

(*g*) The role of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and of neighbouring countries in encouraging the Government of Myanmar to resume its efforts at national reconciliation with all parties concerned, and to work towards a peaceful transition to democracy, and the continuing efforts of the Association and of neighbouring countries for the promotion and protection of the human rights of the people of Myanmar;

(*h*) The appointment by the Government of Myanmar of a minister for relations with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the two meetings held so far between the two, while stressing the need for this process to lead to a substantive dialogue, with concrete outcomes within an agreed time frame, between the Government and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi;

4. *Strongly calls upon* the Government of Myanmar:

(*a*) To ensure full respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms, to end restrictions on those freedoms that are incompatible with the obligations of the Government under international human rights law, to protect inhabitants and to investigate and bring to justice perpetrators of violations of human rights;

(*b*) To give serious consideration to the recommendations and proposals put forward by the Special Adviser during his visit to Myanmar in October 2007 and to fully implement the previous recommendations of the Special Rapporteur, the Special Adviser, the General Assembly, the Human Rights Council, the Commission on Human Rights, the International Labour Organization and other United Nations bodies;

(*c*) To exercise utmost restraint and to desist from further arrests and violence against peaceful protesters and to release without delay those who have been arbitrarily arrested and detained, as well as all political prisoners, immediately and unconditionally, including the leaders of the National League for Democracy, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Tin Oo, the leader of the Shan Nationalities League for Democracy, Khun Htun Oo, and other Shan leaders, and the "88 Generation" students' group leaders Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi;

(*d*) To lift all restraints on the peaceful political activity of all persons by, inter alia, guaranteeing freedom of peaceful assembly and association and freedom of opinion and expression, including for free and independent media, and to ensure unhindered access to media information for the people of Myanmar;

(*e*) To cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur in the context of the implementation of Human Rights Council resolution S-5/1[3] and to ensure that no person cooperating with the Special Rapporteur or any international organization is subjected to any form of intimidation, harassment or punishment;

(*f*) To ensure immediately safe and unhindered access to all parts of Myanmar, including conflict and border areas, for the United Nations, international humanitarian organizations and their partners and to cooperate fully with those organizations in order to ensure that humanitarian assistance is delivered to all persons in need throughout the country;

(*g*) To put an immediate end to the continuing recruitment and use of child soldiers, in violation of international law, by all parties, to intensify measures to ensure the protection of children from armed conflict and to pursue its collaboration with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict;

(*h*) To take urgent measures to put an end to the military operations targeting civilians in the ethnic areas, and to the associated violations of human rights and humanitarian law directed against persons belonging to ethnic nationalities, to end the systematic forced displacement of large numbers of persons and other causes of refugee flows to neighbouring countries and to respect existing ceasefire agreements;

5. *Calls upon* the Government of Myanmar:

(*a*) To permit all political representatives and representatives of ethnic nationalities to participate fully in the political transition process without restrictions and, to that end, to resume without further delay a dialogue with all political actors, including the National League for Democracy and representatives of ethnic nationalities;

(*b*) To pursue, through dialogue and peaceful means, the immediate suspension and permanent end of conflict with all ethnic nationalities in Myanmar and to allow the full participation of representatives of all political parties and representatives of ethnic nationalities in an inclusive and credible process of national reconciliation, democratization and the establishment of the rule of law;

(*c*) To fulfil its obligations to restore the independence of the judiciary and due process of law, and to take further steps to reform the system of administration of justice, as well as to ensure that discipline in prisons does not amount to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and that conditions of detention otherwise meet international standards;

(*d*) To cooperate fully with the Special Adviser in the fulfilment of his good offices, by agreeing to his visits to the country, allowing him unrestricted access to all relevant parties, including detained activists, ethnic minority representatives, student leaders and dissident monks, and by engaging with him in finding a peaceful solution aimed at achieving effective progress towards the restoration of democracy and the protection of human rights in Myanmar;

(*e*) To engage in a dialogue with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights with a view to ensuring full respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(*f*) To continue its efforts with the International Labour Organization towards the effective implementation of the national mechanism established to receive complaints of forced labour;

(*g*) To allow human rights defenders to pursue their activities unhindered and to ensure their safety, security and freedom of movement in that pursuit;

(*h*) To refrain from imposing restrictions on access to and flow of information from the people of Myanmar, including through the openly available and accessible use of Internet and mobile phone services;

(*i*) To allow the International Committee of the Red Cross to carry out its humanitarian activities for people in need, in particular by granting immediate

access to persons detained and by providing the necessary information on persons unaccounted for in connection with recent events;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(*a*) To continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions on the situation of human rights and the restoration of democracy with the Government and the people of Myanmar, including all relevant parties to the national reconciliation process in Myanmar, and to offer technical assistance to the Government in this regard;

(*b*) To closely monitor the developments with regard to the violent incidents that took place, with the aim of preventing the resumption of violence;

(*c*) To give all necessary assistance to enable the Special Adviser and the Special Rapporteur to discharge their mandates fully and effectively and in a coordinated manner;

(*d*) To report to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session as well as to the Human Rights Council on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution;

7. *Decides* to continue the consideration of the question at its sixty-third session, on the basis of the report of the Secretary-General and the interim report of the Special Rapporteur.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/534)*]

62/223. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 50/222 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 E of 17 June 1997, 52/212 B of 31 March 1998, 53/204 of 18 December 1998, 53/221, section VIII, of 7 April 1999, 54/13 B of 23 December 1999, 55/220 A, B and C of 23 December 2000 and 12 April and 14 June 2001, 57/278 A of 20 December 2002, 60/234 A and B of 23 December 2005 and 30 June 2006 and 61/233 A and B of 22 December 2006 and 29 June 2007,

Having considered the audited financial statements and the report of the Board of Auditors on the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the year ended 31 December 2006,[1] the audited financial statements and the report of the Board of Auditors on the United Nations Office for Project Services for the biennium ended 31 December 2005,[2] the report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of its recommendations relating to the biennium 2004–2005,[3] the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the financial statements of the United Nations Office for Project Services for the financial period ended 31 December 2005 [4] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5]

Recalling paragraphs 8 and 9 of its resolution 61/233 A,

1. *Accepts* the financial report and audited financial statements and the report and audit opinion of the Board of Auditors on the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the year ended 31 December 2006[1] and the audited financial statements and the report of the

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 5E* (A/62/5/Add.5).

[2] Ibid., *Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 5J* (A/61/5/Add.10).

[3] See A/62/120.

[4] A/61/214/Add.2.

[5] A/62/355 and A/61/350/Add.1.

Board of Auditors on the United Nations Office for Project Services for the biennium ended 31 December 2005;[2]

2. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its reports on the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the year ended 31 December 2006[6] and on the United Nations Office for Project Services for the biennium ended 31 December 2005;[7]

3. *Also endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[5]

4. *Commends* the Board of Auditors for the superior quality and the streamlined format of its reports;

5. *Notes* the concerns of the Board of Auditors about the general financial situation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, including the level of the reserves of the Office, requests the Office to continue to implement the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and encourages Member States to respond in a timely manner to the appeal of the Office for resources;

6. *Also notes* the concerns of the Board of Auditors about the financial report and audited financial statements of the United Nations Office for Project Services for the biennium ended 31 December 2005,[2] welcomes the measures taken by the Office to address the seriousness of its financial problems, and encourages the Office to implement all the recommendations of the Board and to report to the relevant governing bodies on progress made in this regard;

7. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the financial statements of the United Nations Office for Project Services for the financial period ended 31 December 2005[4] as well as the report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of its recommendations relating to the biennium 2004–2005;[3]

8. *Welcomes* the efforts by the Secretary-General to carefully monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors;

9. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the funds and programmes of the United Nations to ensure full implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors and the related recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in a prompt and timely manner and to hold programme managers accountable for implementation of the recommendations;

10. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to provide in his reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the accounts of the United Nations as well as on the financial statements of its funds and programmes a full explanation for delays in the implementation of the recommendations of the Board, in particular those recommendations not yet fully implemented which are two or more years old;

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[6] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 5E* (A/62/5/Add.5), chap. II.

[7] Ibid., *Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 5J* (A/61/5/Add.10), chap. II.

11. *Also reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to indicate in future reports an expected time frame for the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, as well as the priorities for their implementation and the office holders to be held accountable.

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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/564)*]

62/224. Programme planning

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/234 of 21 December 1982, 38/227 A of 20 December 1983, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 55/234 of 23 December 2000, 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 57/282 of 20 December 2002, 58/268 and 58/269 of 23 December 2003, 59/275 of 23 December 2004, 60/257 of 8 May 2006 and 61/235 of 22 December 2006,

Recalling also the terms of reference of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, as outlined in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its forty-seventh session[1] and the report of the Secretary-General on experience gained in the planning and budgeting process,[2]

1. *Reaffirms* the role of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as the main subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council for planning, programming and coordination;

2. *Re-emphasizes* the role of the plenary and the Main Committees of the General Assembly in reviewing and taking action on the appropriate recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination relevant to their work, in accordance with regulation 4.10 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation;[3]

3. *Stresses* that setting the priorities of the United Nations is the prerogative of the Member States, as reflected in legislative mandates;

4. *Also stresses* the need for Member States to participate fully in the budget preparation process, from its early stages and throughout the process;

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/62/16).
[2] A/62/81.
[3] ST/SGB/2000/8.

5. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations, on programme planning, on evaluation, on the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2006/07, on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development and on improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate;[4]

6. *Decides* to discontinue preparation of the report under the agenda item entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations", mandated in accordance with its resolution 45/254 A of 21 December 1990;

7. *Stresses* the urgent need to fill the position of Special Adviser on Africa in order to direct international efforts to ensure that African issues remain a priority on the global development agenda and also stresses the need to mobilize support for capacity and resources and to align funds, agencies and programmes to the objectives of the New Partnership for Africa's Development[5] that underpin the consolidation of peace and democracy on the continent;

8. *Emphasizes* that, in full accordance with its mandate to assist the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly on coordination, the Committee for Programme and Coordination should enhance its coordination role through improved cooperation with the secretariat of the Chief Executives Board and the Joint Inspection Unit, in order to increase planning efficiency and effectiveness so as to continue to ensure the timeliness of the implementation of, and prevent duplication and redundancy in, the action of the Organization;

9. *Welcomes* the intention of the Committee for Programme and Coordination to enhance its dialogue on coordination issues with the Joint Inspection Unit and the secretariat of the Chief Executives Board;

10. *Recalls* regulation 5.6 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,[3] and reiterates that the Committee for Programme and Coordination shall continue to perform its role in reviewing the strategic framework and recommend any necessary changes to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly;

11. *Reaffirms* the role of the Committee for Programme and Coordination in monitoring and evaluation, and encourages the Committee, in reviewing performance and evaluation reports, to provide, inter alia, action-oriented recommendations aimed at enhancing the effectiveness and impact of the activities of the Organization;

12. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session proposals to improve the links between monitoring, evaluation, programme planning and budgeting;

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[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/62/16), chaps. II, III.A and C, IV.A and B and V.

[5] A/57/304, annex.

13. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to utilize the relevant conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination when considering related reports of the Chief Executives Board;

14. *Welcomes* the decision by the Committee for Programme and Coordination to devote one or two meetings of its future sessions to a discussion, with high-level participation, of a specific issue in its programme of work related to coordination, and in this regard emphasizes the need for the presence of senior programme managers to assist the Committee in its deliberations;

15. *Also welcomes* the work done by the Committee for Programme and Coordination in improving its working methods and procedures within the framework of its mandate for further enhancing its effectiveness and efficiency, and looks forward to the implementation of the decisions of the Committee in order to continue improving its working methods and procedures.

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62/225. Pattern of conferences

The General Assembly,

Recalling its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 40/243 of 18 December 1985, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 43/222 A to E of 21 December 1988, 51/211 A to E of 18 December 1996, 52/214 of 22 December 1997, 53/208 A to E of 18 December 1998, 54/248 of 23 December 1999, 55/222 of 23 December 2000, 56/242 of 24 December 2001, 56/254 D of 27 March 2002, 56/262 of 15 February 2002, 56/287 of 27 June 2002, 57/283 A of 20 December 2002, 57/283 B of 15 April 2003, 58/250 of 23 December 2003, 59/265 of 23 December 2004, 60/236 A of 23 December 2005, 60/236 B of 8 May 2006 and 61/236 of 22 December 2006,

Reaffirming its resolution 42/207 C of 11 December 1987, in which it requested the Secretary-General to ensure the equal treatment of the official languages of the United Nations,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences for 2007[1] and the relevant reports of the Secretary-General,[2]

Having also considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Reaffirming the provisions relevant to conference services of its resolutions on multilingualism,

I

Calendar of conferences and meetings

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Committee on Conferences for 2007;[1]

2. *Approves* the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2008 and 2009, as submitted by the Committee on Conferences,[4]

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/62/32).

[2] A/62/161 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.

[3] A/62/473.

[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/62/32), annex II.

taking into account the observations of the Committee and subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Authorizes* the Committee on Conferences to make any adjustments to the calendar of conferences and meetings for 2008 and 2009 that may become necessary as a result of actions and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* that the Secretariat has taken into account the arrangements referred to in General Assembly resolutions 53/208 A, 54/248, 55/222, 56/242, 57/283 B, 58/250, 59/265, 60/236 A and 61/236 concerning Orthodox Good Friday and the official holidays of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha, and requests all intergovernmental bodies to observe those decisions when planning their meetings;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that any modification to the calendar of conferences and meetings is implemented strictly in accordance with the mandate of the Committee on Conferences and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

II

A. Utilization of conference-servicing resources

1. *Reaffirms* the practice that, in the use of conference rooms, priority must be given to the meetings of Member States;

2. *Notes* that the overall utilization factor at the four main duty stations, while still above the established benchmark of 80 per cent, decreased from 85 per cent in 2005 to 83 per cent in 2006, although the planning accuracy factor improved by 5 per cent over the 2005 reporting period;

3. *Welcomes* the steps taken by those bodies that have adjusted their programmes of work in order to achieve the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources, and requests the Committee on Conferences to continue consultations with the secretariats and bureaux of bodies that underutilize their conference-servicing resources;

4. *Recognizes* that late starts and unplanned early endings seriously affect the bodies' utilization factor owing to the amount of time lost, and invites the secretariats and bureaux of bodies to pay adequate attention to avoiding late starts and unplanned early endings;

5. *Also recognizes* the importance of meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States for the smooth functioning of the sessions of intergovernmental bodies, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that, as far as possible, all requests for conference services for the meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States are met;

6. *Notes* that the percentage of meetings held by regional and other major groupings of Member States that were provided with interpretation services in the four main duty stations in 2006 decreased to 76 per cent, as compared with 87 per cent in 2005, expresses its concern about the difficulties experienced by Member States owing to the lack of conference services for some meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to explore innovative ways to address this problem and to report thereon to the General Assembly through the Committee on Conferences;

7. *Takes note with concern* of the information provided in paragraph 38 of the report of the Secretary-General,[5] and requests the Secretary-General to take measures to improve the planning of conference resource allocations with a view to ensuring that the bodies entitled to meet "as required" receive adequate conference services;

8. *Once again urges* intergovernmental bodies to spare no effort at the planning stage to take into account the meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States, to make provision for such meetings in their programmes of work and to notify conference services, well in advance, of any cancellations so that unutilized conference-servicing resources may, to the extent possible, be reassigned to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States;

9. *Notes with satisfaction* that, in accordance with several General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/236, section II.A, paragraph 9, in conformity with the headquarters rule, all meetings of Nairobi-based United Nations bodies were held in Nairobi in 2006, but reiterates the need for vigilance in this respect, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the Assembly at its sixty-third session through the Committee on Conferences;

10. *Welcomes* the increased promotional activities undertaken by the management of the United Nations conference centre of the Economic Commission for Africa, which resulted in a utilization rate of 60.13 per cent in 2006, a marked increase over the 2005 rate of 42.23 per cent, which is an upward trend that is continuing, with a utilization rate of 75 per cent recorded as at 31 May 2007;

11. *Also welcomes* the cooperation agreement concluded by the Economic Commission for Africa with the Division of Conference Services at the United Nations Office at Nairobi with respect to the sharing of conference-servicing and information technology staff, as well as similar agreements reached with the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the United Nations Office at Geneva and United Nations Headquarters in New York;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to explore means to increase the utilization of the conference centre of the Economic Commission for Africa, bearing in mind the headquarters minimum operating security standards, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session;

B. Impact of the capital master plan, strategy IV (phased approach), on meetings held at Headquarters during its implementation

1. *Requests* bodies whose meetings are listed in the calendar of conferences and meetings, when planning their meetings, especially major or high-level conferences, summits and special meetings, organs created under the Charter of the United Nations, their subsidiary bodies and other intergovernmental organizations and treaty bodies that normally meet at Headquarters to take into consideration the limitations and inflexibility of all conference facilities at Headquarters throughout the construction phase of the capital master plan;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the work of the Security Council during its night and weekend meetings is not affected by noise from

[5] A/62/161 and Corr.1 and 2.

construction taking place underneath the Council conference rooms during the second phase of the capital master plan;

3. *Requests* all meeting requesters and organizers to liaise closely with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of the Secretariat on all matters related to the scheduling of meetings to allow maximum predictability in coordinating activities at Headquarters during the construction period;

4. *Requests* the Committee on Conferences to keep the matter under constant review, and requests the Secretary-General to report regularly to the Committee on matters pertaining to the calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations during the construction period;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that implementation of the capital master plan, including the temporary relocation of conference-servicing staff to a swing space, will not compromise the quality of conference services provided to Member States and the equal treatment of the language services, which should be provided with equally favourable working conditions and resources, with a view to receiving maximum quality of services;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide adequate information technology support for documentation services to ensure their seamless operation throughout the implementation of the capital master plan;

7. *Notes* that during the implementation of the capital master plan, a part of the conference-servicing staff and information technology resources of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management will be temporarily relocated to a swing space, and requests the Secretary-General to provide adequate support to ensure continued maintenance of the information technology facilities of the Department, implementation of the global information technology initiative and delivery of quality conference services;

III

Integrated global management

1. *Notes with appreciation* the progress achieved in the implementation of the global information technology project, aimed at integrating, across duty stations, information technology into meetings management and documentation-processing systems, and the global approach to harmonizing standards and information technology and sharing good practices and technological achievements among conference services at the four main duty stations;

2. *Also notes with appreciation* the initiatives undertaken in the context of integrated global management aimed at streamlining procedures, achieving economies of scale and improving the quality of conference services, and in this regard stresses the importance of ensuring equal treatment of conference-servicing staff as well as the principle of equal grade for equal work at the four main duty stations;

3. *Reaffirms* that the major goals of the reform of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management are to provide high-quality documents in a timely manner in all official languages, as well as high-quality conference services to Member States at all duty stations, and to achieve those aims as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all language services are given equal treatment and are provided with equally favourable working conditions and resources, with a view to achieving maximum quality of those services, with full respect for the specificities of the six official languages and taking into account their respective workloads;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the compatibility of technologies used in all duty stations and to ensure that they are user-friendly in all official languages;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to complete the task of uploading all important older United Nations documents onto the United Nations website in all six official languages on a priority basis, so that these archives are also available to Member States through that medium;

7. *Reiterates* that the satisfaction of Member States is a key performance indicator in conference management and conference services;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that measures taken by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management to seek the evaluation by Member States of the quality of the conference services provided to them, as a key performance indicator of the Department, provide equal opportunities to Member States to present their evaluations in the six official languages of the United Nations and are in full compliance with relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly, through the Committee on Conferences, on progress made in this regard;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to explore best practices and techniques in client satisfaction evaluations and to report on a regular basis to the General Assembly on the results achieved;

10. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management to seek the evaluation by Member States of the quality of the conference services provided to them, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to explore innovative ways to systematically capture and analyse feedback from Member States and committee chairpersons and secretaries on the quality of conference services and to report thereon to the General Assembly through the Committee on Conferences;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly apprised of progress made in integrated global management;

12. *Takes note* of the outcome of the work of the integrated global management task forces, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that administrative policies, practices and procedures of conference services developed on the basis of recommendations of the task forces are in full compliance with relevant General Assembly resolutions;

IV

Documentation and publication-related matters

1. *Emphasizes* the paramount importance of the equality of the six official languages of the United Nations;

2. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

respect for the specificities of each of the six official languages and taking into account their respective workloads;

4. *Requests* the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat to conduct a comprehensive review of the existing special arrangements governing the recruitment of temporary assistance staff in the language services at the four main duty stations, in particular as regards their compliance with relevant staff regulations and rules and General Assembly mandates in the field of human resources management, and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session through the Committee on Conferences;

5. *Expresses continued concern* at the high vacancy rate in the interpretation and translation services at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, especially the chronic difficulty in staffing the Arabic Interpretation Unit, and requests the Secretary-General to address this as a matter of priority through, inter alia, assistance from Member States in advertising and facilitating the conduct of competitive examinations to fill these language vacancies;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to hold competitive examinations for the recruitment of language staff sufficiently in advance so as to fill current and future vacancies in the language services in a timely manner, bearing in mind the persistent situation at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and to inform the General Assembly at its sixty-third session of efforts in this regard;

7. *Notes with appreciation* the measures taken by the Secretariat to fill current and future vacancies at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and requests the Secretary-General to consider further measures aimed at decreasing the vacancy rates in Nairobi as an exceptional case and to inform the General Assembly at its sixty-third session of efforts in this regard;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to address the issue of succession planning by enhancing internal and external training programmes, developing staff exchange programmes among organizations and participating in outreach to institutions that train language staff for international organizations;

9. *Takes note* of the challenges presented by the demographic situation in the language services, as described in paragraphs 87 to 89 of the report of the Secretary-General,[5] requests the Secretary-General to take the measures necessary to avoid any negative impact on the quality of translation and interpretation and to report thereon, as appropriate;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to seek evaluation by Member States of the quality of the conference services provided to them, including through the language-specific informational meetings held twice a year, and to ensure that such measures provide equal opportunities to Member States to present their evaluations in the six official languages of the United Nations and are in full compliance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to improve the accuracy of translation of documents into the official languages, giving particular significance to the quality of translation;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take the steps necessary to enhance translation quality in all official languages, in particular for contractual translation, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session;

13. *Takes note* of the information contained in paragraphs 90 to 92 of the report of the Secretary-General,[5] and requests the Secretary-General to provide at all duty stations adequate staff at the appropriate grade level, with a view to ensuring appropriate quality control for external translation;

14. *Notes* the performance measurement matrix proposed by the Secretary-General in response to the request to develop a comprehensive methodology for performance measurement and management from a full-system perspective, and looks forward to receiving the indicators for all duty stations beginning in 2008;

15. *Takes note* of the information on the impact of freelance recruitment on the quality of interpretation at all duty stations, contained in paragraphs 99 and 100 of the report of the Secretary-General,[5] welcomes the measures proposed in this regard, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the issue to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session through the Committee on Conferences;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session on the experience, lessons learned and best practices of the main duty stations in performing quality control of contractual translations, including on requirements relating to the number and appropriate level of the staff needed to carry out this function.

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62/226. Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 31/192 of 22 December 1976, 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 55/230 of 23 December 2000, 56/245 of 24 December 2001, 57/284 A and B of 20 December 2002, 58/286 of 8 April 2004, 59/267 of 23 December 2004, 60/258 of 8 May 2006, 61/238 of 22 December 2006 and 61/260 of 4 April 2007,

Having considered the annual report of the Joint Inspection Unit on its activities,[1]

1. *Recalls* its resolution 61/260;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the annual report of the Joint Inspection Unit;[1]

3. *Welcomes* the change in the Unit's annual planning process, and notes with appreciation the positive impact that it has had on coordination with other United Nations oversight bodies;

4. *Encourages* the Unit, in the ongoing implementation of its mandate, to continue to coordinate with the Board of Auditors and the Office of Internal Oversight Services to maximize the use of resources and share experiences, knowledge, best practices and lessons learned;

5. *Looks forward* to considering the report of the Unit for 2007 and its programme of work for 2008 at the first part of its resumed sixty-second session;

6. *Emphasizes* the importance of the full and timely implementation of oversight recommendations, requests the executive heads of the participating organizations to take the steps necessary to improve the rate of the implementation of the Unit's recommendations, and invites the legislative organs concerned to consider and take action in that regard;

[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/62/34).

7. *Urges* the Unit, as the only system-wide external oversight body, to continue to focus primarily its work and reports, whenever possible, on issues of system-wide interest, value and relevance to the efficient and effective functioning of all organizations to which the Unit provides services;

8. *Notes with appreciation* the information presented in the annual report concerning the expected savings as a result of the Unit's recommendations.

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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/565)*]

62/227. United Nations common system: report of the International Civil Service Commission

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 44/198 of 21 December 1989, 51/216 of 18 December 1996, 52/216 of 22 December 1997, 53/209 of 18 December 1998, 55/223 of 23 December 2000, 56/244 of 24 December 2001, 57/285 of 20 December 2002, 58/251 of 23 December 2003, 59/268 of 23 December 2004, 60/248 of 23 December 2005 and 61/239 of 22 December 2006,

Recalling also paragraph 8 of its resolution 61/274 of 29 June 2007,

Having considered the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2007,[1]

Reaffirming its commitment to a single, unified United Nations common system as the cornerstone for the regulation and coordination of the conditions of service of the United Nations common system,

Reaffirming the statute of the Commission[2] and the central role of the Commission and the General Assembly in the regulation and coordination of the conditions of service of the United Nations common system,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the work of the International Civil Service Commission;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Commission for 2007,[1] and decides to consider the recommendations contained in paragraph 21 of the report under the agenda items on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 and the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 30* and corrigendum (A/62/30 and Corr.1).

[2] Resolution 3357 (XXIX), annex.

Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991;

3. *Reiterates its invitation* to the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to urge the heads of the organizations of the United Nations common system to fully support the work of the Commission, in conformity with its statute,[2] by providing it with relevant information in a timely manner for studies that it conducts under its statutory responsibilities for the common system, as well as by other possible means;

I

Recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission that call for decisions by the General Assembly

A. Conditions of service of staff in the Professional and higher categories

1. Evolution of the margin

Recalling section I.B of its resolution 51/216 and the standing mandate from the General Assembly, in which the Commission is requested to continue its review of the relationship between the net remuneration of the United Nations staff in the Professional and higher categories in New York and that of the comparator civil service (the United States federal civil service) employees in comparable positions in Washington, D.C. (referred to as "the margin"),

1. *Notes* that the margin between net remuneration of the United Nations staff in grades P-1 to D-2 in New York and that of officials in comparable positions in the United States federal civil service in Washington, D.C., for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2007 is estimated at 114.0 and that the average margin level for the past five years (2003–2007) stands at 112.3;

2. *Reaffirms* that the range of 110 to 120 for the margin between the net remuneration of officials in the Professional and higher categories of the United Nations in New York and officials in comparable positions in the comparator civil service should continue to apply, on the understanding that the margin would be maintained at a level around the desirable midpoint of 115 over a period of time;

2. Base/floor salary scale

Recalling its resolution 44/198, by which it established a floor net salary level for staff in the Professional and higher categories by reference to the corresponding base net salary levels of officials in comparable positions serving at the base city of the comparator civil service,

Approves, with effect from 1 January 2008, as recommended by the Commission in paragraph 30 of its report,[1] the revised base/floor scale of gross and net salaries for staff in the Professional and higher categories contained in annex III to the report;

B. Conditions of service applicable to both categories of staff: language incentive

Takes note of the recommendations of the Commission contained in paragraph 65 of its report;[1]

II

Strengthening of the international civil service

1. *Reaffirms* that the staff of the United Nations is an invaluable asset of the Organization, and commends its contribution to furthering the purposes and principles of the United Nations;

2. *Welcomes* the steps taken by the Commission to strengthen its role and improve its functioning, as set out in paragraphs 68 to 72 of its report,[1] and encourages the Commission to continue this process.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/597)*]

62/228. Administration of justice at the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 57/307 of 15 April 2003, 59/266 of 23 December 2004, 59/283 of 13 April 2005 and 61/261 of 4 April 2007,

Emphasizing the importance for the United Nations to have an efficient and effective system of administration of justice so as to ensure that individuals and the Organization are held accountable for their actions in accordance with relevant resolutions and regulations,

Reaffirming its decision in paragraph 4 of resolution 61/261 to establish a new, independent, transparent, professionalized, adequately resourced and decentralized system of administration of justice consistent with the relevant rules of international law and the principles of the rule of law and due process to ensure respect for the rights and obligations of staff members and the accountability of managers and staff members alike,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009 pursuant to General Assembly resolution 61/261,[1] on the administration of justice,[2] on the outcome of the work of the Joint Appeals Board during 2005 and 2006 and statistics on the disposition of cases and work of the Panel of Counsel[3] and on the activities of the Ombudsman,[4] the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5] and the letter dated 20 November 2007 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee,[6]

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[1] A/61/891.

[2] A/62/294.

[3] A/62/179.

[4] A/62/311.

[5] A/61/936; and A/62/7/Add.7 (for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*).

[6] A/C.5/62/11.

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009 pursuant to General Assembly resolution 61/261,[1] on the administration of justice,[2] on the outcome of the work of the Joint Appeals Board during 2005 and 2006 and statistics on the disposition of cases and work of the Panel of Counsel[3] and on the activities of the Ombudsman[4] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[5]

2. *Recalls* its decision 62/519 of 6 December 2007;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

I

New system of administration of justice

4. *Stresses* the importance of allocating adequate resources to establish the new system of administration of justice;

5. *Acknowledges* the evolving nature of the new system of administration of justice and the need to carefully monitor its implementation;

6. *Stresses* the importance of ensuring access for all staff members to the system of administration of justice, regardless of their duty station;

A. Scope

7. *Decides* that individuals who have access to the current system of administration of justice shall have access to the new system;

8. *Also decides* to revert to the issue of the scope of the system of administration of justice at the second part of its resumed sixty-second session, and requests information in this regard from the Secretary-General;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the daily paid workers in peacekeeping missions are made aware of their rights and obligations and that they have access to suitable recourse procedures within the framework of the United Nations;

B. Office of Administration of Justice

10. *Decides* to establish the Office of Administration of Justice, comprising the Office of the Executive Director and the Office of Staff Legal Assistance, as well as the Registries for the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal;

11. *Also decides* that the Office of the Executive Director is to consist of one Executive Director (D-2), one Special Assistant (P-4) and one Administrative Assistant (General Service (Other level)), and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that these positions are filled as a matter of priority but no later than 1 July 2008;

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[7] A/62/7/Add.7. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A.*

C. Office of Staff Legal Assistance

12. *Stresses* that professional legal assistance is critical for the effective and appropriate utilization of the available mechanisms within the system of administration of justice;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 23 of its resolution 61/261, reiterates its support for the strengthening of professional legal assistance for staff in order for staff to continue to receive legal assistance, and decides to establish the Office of Staff Legal Assistance to succeed the Panel of Counsel;

14. *Decides* that the Office of Staff Legal Assistance is to consist of one Chief of Unit (P-5), one Legal Officer (P-3), one Legal Officer (P-2) and three Legal Assistants (General Service (Other level)) in New York, and one Legal Officer (P-3) each in Addis Ababa, Beirut, Geneva and Nairobi;

15. *Also decides* that staff at all duty stations shall continue to have access to legal assistance;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish a code of conduct regulating the activity of internal and external individuals providing legal assistance to staff to ensure their independence and impartiality;

17. *Reiterates* paragraph 24 of its resolution 61/261, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the progress made to establish a staff-funded scheme in the Organization that would provide legal advice and support to staff;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to develop incentives for staff and management, including through training opportunities, to enable and encourage staff to continue to participate in the work of the Office of Staff Legal Assistance;

19. *Decides* to revert to the issue of the mandate of the Office of Staff Legal Assistance at its sixty-third session;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on possible measures to encourage responsible use of the system of administration of justice;

21. *Recognizes* that the Office of Staff Legal Assistance and the Ombudsman have two distinct functions;

II

Informal system

22. *Recognizes* that the informal resolution of conflict is a crucial element of the system of administration of justice, and emphasizes that all possible use should be made of the informal system in order to avoid unnecessary litigation;

23. *Also recognizes* that the strengthening of the informal system may reduce recourse to the formal system, thereby avoiding unnecessary litigation;

24. *Stresses* the pivotal role of mediation in reconciling differences;

A. Office of the Ombudsman

25. *Reiterates its decision* to create a single integrated and decentralized Office of the Ombudsman for the United Nations Secretariat, funds and programmes, decides to establish the Office as from 1 January 2008, and urges the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman, the Office of the Joint Ombudsperson (United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United

Nations Children's Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services) and the Office of the Mediator of the Office of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to strengthen the ongoing efforts for coordination and harmonization of standards, operating guidelines, reporting categories and databases;

26. *Decides* to establish branch offices for the Office of the Ombudsman in Bangkok, Geneva, Nairobi, Santiago and Vienna, each with one Regional Ombudsman (P-5) and one Administrative Assistant (General Service (Other level/Local level));

27. *Takes note* of paragraph 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[7]

28. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that staff at all duty stations have access to the Ombudsman;

29. *Endorses* the process of nomination and appointment of the Ombudsman, as set out in paragraphs 47 to 49 of the report of the Secretary-General[2] and recommended by the Redesign Panel on the United Nations system of administration of justice in its report;[8]

B. Mediation Division

30. *Endorses* paragraph 21 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] and decides to establish the Mediation Division as from 1 January 2008;

C. Systemic issues

31. *Notes* section IV, on systemic issues, of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Ombudsman,[4] and emphasizes that the role of the Ombudsman is to report on broad systemic issues that he or she identifies, as well as those that are brought to his or her attention, in order to promote greater harmony in the workplace;

32. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session, in the context of human resources management, on specific measures taken to address systemic issues;

III

Formal system

33. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 19 to 24 of its resolution 61/261;

34. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring access for all staff to the United Nations Dispute Tribunal, and requests the Secretary-General to make provisions for the travel and related costs of staff whose physical presence before the Tribunals is deemed necessary by the Tribunals and for judges to travel as necessary to hold sessions at duty stations other than New York, Geneva and Nairobi, in particular in Bangkok, Santiago and Vienna;

[8] A/61/205.

A. Internal Justice Council

35. *Stresses* that the establishment of an internal justice council can help to ensure independence, professionalism and accountability in the system of administration of justice;

36. *Decides* to establish by 1 March 2008 a five-member Internal Justice Council consisting of a staff representative, a management representative and two distinguished external jurists, one nominated by the staff and one by management, and chaired by a distinguished jurist chosen by consensus by the four other members;

37. *Also decides* that the Internal Justice Council shall perform the following tasks:

(*a*) Liaise with the Office of Human Resources Management on issues related to the search for suitable candidates for the positions of judges, including by conducting interviews as necessary;

(*b*) Provide its views and recommendations to the General Assembly on two or three candidates for each vacancy in the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, with due regard to geographical distribution;

(*c*) Draft a code of conduct for the judges, for consideration by the General Assembly;

(*d*) Provide its views on the implementation of the system of administration of justice to the General Assembly;

38. *Further decides* that the Internal Justice Council shall be assisted, as appropriate, by the Office of Administration of Justice;

B. United Nations Dispute Tribunal and United Nations Appeals Tribunal

39. *Decides* to establish a two-tier formal system of administration of justice, comprising a first instance United Nations Dispute Tribunal and an appellate instance United Nations Appeals Tribunal as from 1 January 2009;

40. *Also decides* that judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal shall be appointed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Internal Justice Council;

41. *Further decides* to endorse the qualifications of the judges as set out in paragraphs 58 and 67 of the report of the Secretary-General[2] and as further described in its decision 62/519;

42. *Decides* that the United Nations Dispute Tribunal shall, initially, be composed of three full-time judges, to be located in New York, Geneva and Nairobi, and two half-time judges;

43. *Also decides* that further consideration should be given to cases before the United Nations Dispute Tribunal being decided by a panel of judges, depending on the nature of the cases, the workload of judges and the grounds for appeal, and requests the Secretary-General to present further proposals in this regard, including resource implications, to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed sixty-second session;

44. *Further decides* that the United Nations Appeals Tribunal shall be composed of seven members who will sit in panels of at least three;

45. *Decides* that judges shall serve only one non-renewable term of seven years on either the United Nations Dispute Tribunal or the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, with the exception of two of the initial judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and three of the initial judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, to be determined by drawing of lots, who shall serve three years and may consequently apply to the same Tribunal for a non-renewable term of seven years;

C. Registries

46. *Decides* to establish a Registry for the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in New York, Geneva and Nairobi and a Registry for the United Nations Appeals Tribunal in New York;

47. *Also decides* that the Registries will consist of one D-1 Registrar who will oversee the Registries and, for the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in New York, one P-5 Registrar, one P-2 Legal Officer and two General Service (Other level) Administrative Assistants; for the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in Geneva, one P-5 Registrar, one P-3 Legal Research Officer and two General Service (Other level) Administrative Assistants; for the United Nations Dispute Tribunal in Nairobi, one P-5 Registrar, one P-3 Legal Research Officer and two General Service (Local level) Administrative Assistants; and for the United Nations Appeals Tribunal in New York, one P-5 Registrar, one P-3 Legal Officer and two General Service (Other level) Administrative Assistants; and further decides to approve, as general temporary assistance in New York, the equivalent of one P-4 Information Technology Officer, one General Service (Other level) Information Technology Assistant and Legal Research Officer positions equivalent to P-4 in both Geneva and Nairobi;

48. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session terms of reference for the Registries, taking into account the current working methods of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

D. Disciplinary proceedings

49. *Decides* to endorse, in principle, the delegation of authority for disciplinary measures to heads of offices away from Headquarters and heads of missions/Special Representatives of the Secretary-General, and requests the Secretary-General to present a report containing a detailed proposal regarding possible options for delegation of authority for disciplinary measures, including full delegation, as well as an assessment of possible implications for due process rights of staff members;

E. Management evaluation

50. *Emphasizes* the need to have in place a process for management evaluation that is efficient, effective and impartial;

51. *Reaffirms* the importance of the general principle of exhausting administrative remedies before formal proceedings are instituted;

52. *Decides* to establish an independent Management Evaluation Unit in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, with one Chief of Unit (P-5), two Legal Officers (P-4) and three Administrative Assistants (General Service (Other level)) and general temporary assistance equivalent to one P-4 Legal Officer position;

53. *Takes note* of paragraph 35 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[7]

54. *Emphasizes* the importance of prompt decisions and responses to formal requests for management evaluation, and decides that such evaluation should be completed in a timely manner, as soon as possible and within a limit of thirty calendar days for Headquarters and forty-five calendar days for offices away from Headquarters after the submission of such a request;

55. *Stresses* the importance of establishing adequate accountability measures for managers to ensure their timely response to management evaluation requests;

56. *Emphasizes* the importance for the United Nations to have an efficient and effective system of administration of justice so as to ensure that individuals and the Organization are held accountable for their actions in accordance with relevant resolutions and regulations;

IV

Transitional measures

57. *Recalls* paragraph 31 of its resolution 61/261, and urges the Secretary-General to intensify the efforts needed to clear the existing backlog of cases before the Panel on Discrimination and Other Grievances, Joint Appeals Boards, Joint Disciplinary Committees, Disciplinary Boards, the Administrative Law Unit, the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

58. *Endorses* paragraphs 73, 74, 76 and 80 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[7]

59. *Decides* to revert to the issue of transitional arrangements at the second part of its resumed sixty-second session;

60. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with the organizations which currently participate in the United Nations Administrative Tribunal with the aim of providing for an orderly transition to another system of their choosing, if they were not to join the new system of administration of justice;

V

Financial implications and cost-sharing arrangements

61. *Underlines* that the funding for administration of justice, based on cost-sharing arrangements, should be clear, predictable and secure;

62. *Decides* to approve the cost-sharing arrangement as outlined by the Secretary-General in paragraphs 161 and 162 of his report;[2]

63. *Urges* the Secretary-General to conclude cost-sharing arrangements with the relevant funds and programmes by July 2008;

64. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the arrangements for the provision of services of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the International Seabed Authority, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, the International Court of Justice, the International Maritime Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization and the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

VI

Further information

65. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed sixty-second session on the following:

(*a*) Draft statute for the United Nations Dispute Tribunal;

(*b*) Draft statute for the United Nations Appeals Tribunal that reflects the decisions contained in the present resolution and resolution 61/261;

(*c*) Jurisdiction of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal;

(*d*) Grounds of appeal before the United Nations Appeals Tribunal;

(*e*) Conditions under which the United Nations Dispute Tribunal may refer cases pending before it to mediation, including the requirement of the consent of the parties and the issue of time frames;

(*f*) A detailed proposal regarding the allocation of cases to the United Nations Dispute Tribunal, taking into account geographical accessibility, the type of cases and the number of cases;

(*g*) Compensation awarded by the tribunals and alternatives;

(*h*) The role of staff associations vis-à-vis the formal system of justice;

66. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide further information and recommendations, as appropriate, to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed sixty-second session, on the following:

(*a*) The different categories of non-staff personnel performing personal services for the Organization, including experts on mission, United Nations officials other than staff members of the Secretariat and daily workers;

(*b*) The types of dispute settlement mechanisms available to the different categories of non-staff personnel and their effectiveness;

(*c*) The types of grievances the different categories of non-staff personnel have raised in the past and what bodies of law are relevant to such claims;

(*d*) Any other mechanism that could be envisaged to provide effective and efficient dispute settlement to the different categories of non-staff personnel, taking into account the nature of their contractual relationship with the Organization;

67. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at the main part of its sixty-third session on the following:

(*a*) The revised terms of reference for the Ombudsman, taking into account the changes in functions, presence and proposed locations;

(*b*) The results of the negotiations between the United Nations and other participating entities on cost-sharing arrangements for the system of administration of justice;

(*c*) Mechanisms for the formal removal of judges, definition of the "grounds of misconduct or incapacity" and the means for the establishment of such grounds in a specific case;

(*d*) Viable options for programme support cost/trust funds to share the cost of the new internal justice system;

VII

Other issues

68. *Invites* the Sixth Committee to consider the legal aspects of the reports to be submitted by the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the role of the Fifth Committee as the Main Committee entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

69. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that information concerning the details of the new system of administration of justice, in particular options for recourse, is readily accessible by all staff covered under the new system;

70. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to develop a comprehensive approach to address privacy rights of staff, including their right to confidentiality, and the responsibility of the Organization for ensuring the due process rights of its staff under investigation;

71. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session on how information and communications technology can improve the functioning of the system of administration of justice.

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The General Assembly,

I

Second performance report on the budget of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2006–2007

Having considered the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the budget, for the biennium 2006–2007, of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994,[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling its resolution 49/251 of 20 July 1995 on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which were resolutions 60/241 of 23 December 2005 and 61/241 of 22 December 2006,

1. *Takes note* of the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the budget, for the biennium 2006–2007, of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan

[1] A/62/557.

[2] See A/62/578.

Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in section IV.A of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have contributed to the Voluntary Fund to support the activities of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, and invites Member States to continue making voluntary contributions to the Tribunal both in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General;

4. *Notes with concern* the high vacancy rate at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, especially in the Office of the Prosecutor and the Registry, and urges the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to address this problem;

5. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2006–2007, the amount of 277,127,700 United States dollars gross (254,757,400 dollars net) approved in its resolution 61/241 for the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda shall be adjusted by the amount of 2,384,700 dollars gross (2,357,200 dollars net), for a total amount of 279,512,400 dollars gross (257,114,600 dollars net);

II

Budget of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2008–2009

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2008–2009,[3] and on the revised estimates arising from the effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation,[4]

Having also considered the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2008–2009,[3] and on the revised estimates arising from the effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation;[4]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Recalls* paragraph 4 of its resolution 61/241, and reaffirms the importance of the timely submission of reports on the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in order to facilitate their proper consideration early in the session;

4. *Takes note* of section II.E of the report of the Secretary-General;[3]

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[3] A/62/468.

[4] A/62/586.

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include information on specific parameters of the management of the funds to be appropriated to meet future requirements for pension benefits of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and eligible beneficiaries in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 2008–2009;

6. *Decides* to revert to the issue of funding the pension-related liabilities of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda at its sixty-fourth session, taking into account the report of the Secretary-General requested in paragraph 11 of its resolution 61/262 of 4 April 2007;

7. *Also decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 a total amount of 267,356,200 dollars gross (247,466,600 dollars net) for the biennium 2008–2009, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

8. *Further decides* that the total assessment for 2008 under the Special Account amounting to 136,062,800 dollars, shall consist of:

(*a*) 133,678,100 dollars, being half of the estimated appropriation approved for the biennium 2008–2009;

(*b*) 2,384,700 dollars, being the increase in the final appropriation for the biennium 2006–2007 approved by the General Assembly in paragraph 5 of section I above;

9. *Decides* to apportion the amount of 68,031,400 dollars gross (63,045,250 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2008;

10. *Also decides* to apportion the amount of 68,031,400 dollars gross (63,045,250 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations for 2008;

11. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 9 and 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 9,972,300 dollars approved for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for 2008.

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Financing for the biennium 2008-2009 of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

	Gross	*Net*
	United States dollars	
Estimated appropriation for the biennium 2008–2009	302 599 700	283 215 900
Revised estimates: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation	6 287 100	5 781 300
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	(28 500 000)	(28 500 000)
Recommendations of the Fifth Committee	(13 030 600)	(13 030 600)
Estimated initial appropriation for the biennium 2008–2009	267 356 200	247 466 600
Total assessment for 2008	**136 062 800**	**126 090 500**
Comprising:		
(*a*) Requirements representing half of the estimated appropriation for the biennium 2008–2009	133 678 100	123 733 300
(*b*) Requirements arising from the final appropriation for the biennium 2006–2007	2 384 700	2 357 200
Of which:		
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2008	68 031 400	63 045 250
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations of the United Nations for 2008	68 031 400	63 045 250

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/599)*]

62/230. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

The General Assembly,

I

Second performance report on the budget of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2006–2007

Having considered the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the budget, for the biennium 2006–2007, of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling its resolution 47/235 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which were resolutions 60/243 of 23 December 2005 and 61/242 of 22 December 2006,

1. *Takes note* of the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the budget, for the biennium 2006–2007, of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in section III.A of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

[1] A/62/556.
[2] See A/62/578.

3. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2006–2007, the amount of 326,573,900 United States dollars gross (297,130,500 dollars net) approved in its resolution 61/242 for the financing of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia shall be adjusted by the amount of 22,405,400 dollars gross (19,062,200 dollars net), for a total amount of 348,979,300 dollars gross (316,458,000 dollars net);

II

Budget of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2008–2009

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2008–2009[3] and on the revised estimates arising from changes in rates of exchange and inflation,[4]

Having also considered the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2008–2009[3] and on the revised estimates arising from changes in rates of exchange and inflation;[4]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Recalls* paragraph 4 of its resolution 61/241 of 22 December 2006, and reaffirms the importance of the timely submission of reports on the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in order to facilitate their proper consideration early in the session;

4. *Takes note* of section II.E of the report of the Secretary-General;[3]

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include information on specific parameters of the management of the funds to be appropriated to meet future requirements for pension benefits of the judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and eligible beneficiaries in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 2008–2009;

6. *Decides* to revert to the issue of funding of the pension-related liabilities of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia at its sixty-fourth session, taking into account the report of the Secretary-General requested in paragraph 11 of its resolution 61/262 of 4 April 2007;

7. *Also decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 a total amount of 347,566,900 dollars gross (316,472,100 dollars net) for the biennium 2008–2009, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

8. *Further decides* that the financing of the appropriation for the biennium 2008–2009 under the Special Account shall take into account the estimated income of

[3] A/62/374.

[4] A/62/586.

265,300 dollars for the biennium, which shall be set off against the aggregate amount of the appropriation;

9. *Decides* that the total assessment for 2008 under the Special Account, amounting to 196,100,900 dollars, shall consist of:

(*a*) 173,650,800 dollars, being half of the estimated appropriation approved for the biennium 2008–2009, after taking into account 132,650 dollars, which is half of the estimated income for the biennium of 265,300 dollars;

(*b*) 22,450,100 dollars, being the increase in the final appropriation for the biennium 2006–2007 approved by the General Assembly in paragraph 3 of section I above, after taking into account a decrease in income of 44,700 dollars for the biennium;

10. *Also decides* to apportion the amount of 98,050,450 dollars gross (88,605,150 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2008;

11. *Further decides* to apportion the amount of 98,050,450 dollars gross (88,605,150 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations for 2008;

12. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 10 and 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 18,890,600 dollars approved for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for 2008.

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Financing, for the biennium 2008–2009, of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

	Gross	*Net*
	(United States dollars)	
Estimated appropriation for the biennium 2008–2009	356 314 300	327 182 400
Revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation	24 952 600	22 989 700
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	(16 600 000)	(16 600 000)
Recommendations of the Fifth Committee	(17 100 000)	(17 100 000)
Estimated initial appropriation for the biennium 2008–2009	347 566 900	316 472 100
Less:		
Estimated income for the biennium 2008–2009	(265 300)	(265 300)
Total assessment for 2008	**196 100 900**	**177 210 300**
Comprising:		
(*a*) Requirements representing half of the estimated appropriation for the biennium 2008–2009, after taking into account 132,650 dollars, which is half of the estimated income for the biennium 2008–2009 of 265,300 dollars	173 650 800	158 103 400
(*b*) Requirements arising from the final appropriation for the biennium 2006–2007, after taking into account a decrease in income of 44,700 dollars for the biennium 2006–2007	22 450 100	19 106 900
Of which:		
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2008	98 050 450	88 605 150
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations of the United Nations for 2008	98 050 450	88 605 150

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/600)*]

62/231. Transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision 58/557 of 23 December 2003, in which the it expressed its appreciation to the Government of Italy for offering five additional buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and approved their transfer,

Recalling also financial regulation 3.11 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[1]

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base,[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

1. *Notes with appreciation* the offer by the Government of Italy of six additional buildings and twelve open areas to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

2. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base;[2]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

4. *Approves* the transfer of the six additional buildings and twelve open areas pledged by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base.

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[1] ST/SGB/2003/7.
[2] A/62/548.
[3] A/62/559.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/601)*]

62/232. Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 61/279 of 29 June 2007,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur,[1] the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and the letter dated 2 October 2007 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly,[3] and recognizing that the costs of the Operation are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling Security Council resolution 1769 (2007) of 31 July 2007, by which the Council established the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for an initial period of twelve months as from 31 July 2007,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

Noting the hybrid nature of the Operation, and in that regard stressing the importance of ensuring full coordination of efforts between the African Union and the United Nations at the strategic level, unity of command at the operational level and clear delegation of authority and accountability lines,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of

[1] A/62/380.
[2] A/62/540.
[3] A/62/379.

General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

4. *Emphasizes* the importance of interaction and coordination with troop-contributing countries;

5. *Recalls* section I, paragraph 6, of its resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000 and paragraph 11 of its resolution 56/241 of 24 December 2001, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the proper representation of troop-contributing countries in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support, of the Secretariat, taking into account their contribution to United Nations peacekeeping;

6. *Also recalls* that the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur should have a predominantly African character and that the troops should, as far as possible, be sourced from African countries;

7. *Reaffirms*, in the context of all Security Council decisions on peacekeeping operations, the prerogatives of the General Assembly in issues related to administrative and budgetary matters;

8. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

9. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

10. *Recalls* the unique nature and mandate of each operation, and stresses that the resource requirements should be commensurate with the mandates and complexities of each operation;

11. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Operation;

12. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

13. *Takes note* of paragraphs 37, 40, 46, 48, 66, 68, 70 and 74 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

14. *Decides* to establish 13 posts for the Conduct and Discipline Team and 14 positions to be funded from general temporary assistance;

15. *Recalls* paragraph 35 of its resolution 61/279, and decides to approve 13 posts (4 P-5, 8 P-4 and 1 General Service) for the Integrated Operational Team in order to provide backstopping for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid

Operation in Darfur, the United Nations Mission in the Sudan and the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad, to be financed through the support account for peacekeeping operations, and requests the Secretary-General to report expenditures thereon for the financial period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 in the performance report for the period;

16. *Looks forward* to the finalizing of the exchange of letters between the United Nations and the African Union as set out in the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

17. *Notes with concern* that the budget of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 was not submitted in a results-based-budgeting format, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the budget of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 is submitted in full compliance with relevant resolutions of the General Assembly on the preparation of budgets for peacekeeping missions;

18. *Reaffirms* its resolution 55/231 of 23 December 2000, and requests the Secretary-General to prepare the budgets of peacekeeping operations in full compliance with that resolution;

19. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to integrate operational, logistical and financial aspects fully in the planning phase of peacekeeping operations by linking results-based budgeting to the mandate implementation plans of peacekeeping operations;

20. *Reaffirms* the importance of ensuring that the work undertaken during the planning phase preceding the deployment of missions is as effective and accurate as possible, and emphasizes the importance of drawing on lessons learned;

21. *Takes note* of the large scope and number of extraordinary measures contained in the letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly;[3]

22. *Notes with concern* the recurrent application of extraordinary measures in peacekeeping operations;

23. *Stresses* the need for effective management and mitigation of risks in all phases of United Nations peacekeeping missions;

24. *Underlines* the risks inherent in the use of extraordinary measures, and stresses the importance of adequate advance planning to avoid the application of such measures;

25. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the financial regulations and rules of the Organization are abided by and fully upheld in all phases of the Operation;

26. *Reaffirms* the need for the procurement system to be transparent, open, impartial and cost-effective, based on competitive bidding and fully reflecting the international character of the United Nations;

27. *Notes with concern* the decision of the Secretary-General to utilize a single-source contract without competitive bidding, and requests the Secretary-General to take immediate action to supply goods and services in compliance with the established procedures for procurement, based on international competitive bidding and the widest possible geographical base of procurement, so as to avoid a non-competitive extension of the present contract;

28. *Recalls* its resolution 54/14 of 29 October 1999 regarding the need to take steps to ensure that specifications are not deliberately tailored to predetermine the choice of supplier and that the principle of separation of responsibilities of the requisitioning and approving officers is maintained;

29. *Encourages* the use of procurement within the region for the requirements of missions, taking into account efficiency and cost-effectiveness;

30. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat to undertake a comprehensive review of the use of the extraordinary measures for the Operation contained in the letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly;[3]

31. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure full respect for all legislative mandates, and notes with concern that the Secretary-General did not respond to its request contained in paragraphs 13 and 14 of its resolution 61/289 of 29 June 2007;

32. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to further explore, without prejudice to the distinct mandates, resources, roles and areas of operation of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan and the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, the scope for synergies and cooperation between the two missions, where possible, and to report thereon to the General Assembly in the context of the budgets of the missions for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;

33. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his 2008/09 budget submission details of the mechanisms that exist at Headquarters and in the field for ensuring coordination and collaboration among all United Nations actors active in the relevant mission area;

34. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that future budgets of the Operation contain sufficient information, explanation and justification of the proposed resource requirements relating to its operational costs in order to allow Member States to take well-informed decisions;

35. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to review the structure of the Operation and the allocation of posts and their grade levels as personnel are deployed and on the basis of actual workloads and experience gained, and to reflect that ongoing review in future budget submissions;

36. *Underlines* the need for the deployment of staff of the Operation to be phased in order to conform to its operational needs as it evolves and to its support capacity, and stresses in this regard that during its start-up phase the principal focus of the Operation should be to ensure that core capacity is quickly put in place;

37. *Also underlines* the need for the deployment of civilian staff to be phased in accordance with the deployment of military and police personnel;

38. *Notes* that the Secretary-General proposes to create 548 volunteer positions, of which only 4 would be for nationals of the Sudan, and requests the Secretary-General to explore ways of increasing to 48.the number of nationals of the Sudan;

39. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

40. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

41. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Operation against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Operation;

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42. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the purpose of accounting for the income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Operation;

43. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur the amount of 1,275,653,700 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 for the establishment of the Operation;

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44. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 1,275,653,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007 and 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

45. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 44 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 11,380,200 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Operation;

46. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

47. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Operation, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

48. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Operation in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

49. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur".

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/602)*]

62/233. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1778 (2007) of 25 September 2007, by which the Council approved the establishment in Chad and the Central African Republic, in consultation with the authorities of Chad and the Central African Republic, of a multidimensional presence, and decided that the multidimensional presence should include, for a period of one year, a United Nations mission in the Central African Republic and Chad,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals, in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007 and other relevant resolutions;

2. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear

[1] A/62/544.
[2] A/62/572.

additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

4. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

5. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

6. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

7. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his 2008/09 budget submission details of the mechanisms that exist at Headquarters and in the field for ensuring coordination and collaboration among all the United Nations actors active in the relevant Mission area;

9. *Notes* that the Secretary-General did not propose an integrated mission, and recognizes the importance of coordination and collaboration among the Mission and the United Nations actors active in the Mission area;

10. *Underlines* the need for the deployment of staff to be phased in order to conform to the operational needs of the Mission as it evolves and to the support capacity of the Mission, and stresses in this regard that, during a mission's start-up phase, the principal focus of the mission should be to get core capacity in place quickly;

11. *Also underlines* the need for the deployment of civilian staff to be phased in accordance with the deployment of the European Union operation and the Mission's police personnel, as well as with adequate security provision on the ground;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that future budgets contain sufficient information, justification and explanation of the proposed resource requirements relating to the operational costs of the Mission to allow Member States to take well-informed decisions;

13. *Notes with concern* that the budget of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 was not submitted in a results-based-budgeting format, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the budget of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 is submitted in full compliance with relevant resolutions of the General Assembly on the preparation of budgets for peacekeeping missions;

14. *Reaffirms* its resolution 55/231 of 23 December 2000, and requests the Secretary-General to prepare the budgets of peacekeeping operations in full compliance with that resolution;

15. *Decides* to establish 2 posts for the Conduct and Discipline Team and 2 positions to be funded from general temporary assistance;

16. *Approves* the utilization of general temporary assistance equivalent to 1 P-4 for the establishment of a Best Practices Officer position, pending consideration of the report requested in section V, paragraph 2, of its resolution 61/276;

17. *Stresses* the need for the best practices function to be performed from the start-up phase of the Mission, including the possibility of using the capacity of the Peacekeeping Best Practices Section at Headquarters;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

19. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

20. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

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21. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad for the purpose of accounting for the income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Mission;

22. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad the amount of 1,114,100 United States dollars, previously authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the establishment of the advance mission in Chad and the Central African Republic, for the period from 1 March to 30 June 2007, under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 March to 30 June 2007

23. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 1,114,100 dollars for the period from 1 March to 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

24. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 23 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 10,100 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the advance mission for the period from 1 March to 30 June 2007;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

25. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad the amount of 182,444,000 dollars for the establishment and maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, inclusive of the amount of 45,828,200 dollars previously

authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the advance mission in Chad and the Central African Republic under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

26. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 182,444,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007 and 2008 as set out in its resolution 61/237;

27. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 26 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,537,000 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;

28. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

29. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

30. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

31. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad".

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

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62/234. Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and financing of the Procurement Task Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on its activities[1] and the related notes by the Secretary-General,[2] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of the programme and administrative management of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia[3] and the related note by the Secretary-General,[4] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the activities of the United Nations Thessaloniki Centre for Public Service Professionalism,[5] the report of the Secretary-General on the Procurement Task Force,[6] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Procurement Task Force[7] and the related note by the Secretary-General,[8] and the report of the Secretary-General on the resource requirements for procurement investigations[9] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[10]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on its activities[1] and the related notes by the Secretary-General,[2] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of the programme and administrative management of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia[3] and the related note by the Secretary-General,[4] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the activities of the United Nations Thessaloniki Centre for Public Service Professionalism,[5] the report of the Secretary-

[1] A/61/264 (Part I) and Add.1; and A/62/281 (Part I) and Add.1.

[2] A/61/264 (Part I)/Add.2; and A/62/281 (Part I)/Add.2.

[3] A/61/61.

[4] A/61/61/Add.1

[5] A/62/176.

[6] A/61/603.

[7] A/62/272.

[8] A/62/272/Add.1.

[9] A/62/520.

[10] A/62/7/Add.15. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*.

General on the Procurement Task Force[6] and the report of the Secretary-General on the resource requirements for procurement investigations;[9]

2. *Regrets* the piecemeal manner in which the investigations-related issues contained in these reports have been presented to the General Assembly for its consideration;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[10] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Decides* to conduct an overall review of the capacity of the Investigations Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat by 30 June 2008, and that the review will include, inter alia, the activities of the Procurement Task Force;

5. *Notes* the ad hoc nature of the Procurement Task Force and, in accordance with regulations 7.6 and 7.7 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[11] requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to request the Board of Auditors to conduct an audit of the activities of the Task Force for the period from 1 January 2006 to 30 June 2007, including its compliance with established transparency and accountability measures of the Organization and the Office of Internal Oversight Services, and to report thereon separately to the General Assembly at the main part of its sixty-third session;

6. *Decides* to revert to the consideration of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Procurement Task Force[7] and the related note by the Secretary-General[8] at the first part of the resumed sixty-second session;

7. *Recalls* its resolutions 61/275 and 61/279 of 29 June 2007, and decides to revert to the consideration of the report on the overall review of the capacity of the Investigations Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services at the first part of the resumed sixty-second session;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the report referred to in paragraph 7 above to the attention of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations.

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[11] ST/SGB/2003/7.

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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/62/603)*]

62/235. Programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007

A

FINAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 2006–2007

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007,[1] and endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2006–2007:

(*a*) The amount of 4,302,005,000 United States dollars, appropriated by it in its resolutions 61/253 A of 22 December 2006, 61/258 of 26 March 2007 and 61/275 of 29 June 2007, shall be decreased by 113,232,600 dollars, as follows:

[1] A/62/575.
[2] A/62/589.

Section		*Amount approved in resolutions 61/253 A, 61/258 and 61/275*	*Increase (decrease)*	*Final appropriation*
		(United States dollars)		
	Part I. *Overall policymaking, direction and coordination*			
1.	Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	77 286 500	1 306 800	78 593 300
2.	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	602 512 500	(15 425 800)	587 086 700
	Subtotal, part I	**679 799 000**	**(14 119 000)**	**665 680 000**
	Part II. *Political affairs*			
3.	Political affairs	808 773 400	(80 489 300)	728 284 100
4.	Disarmament	20 471 500	(695 000)	19 776 500
5.	Peacekeeping operations	96 670 600	(5 314 500)	91 356 100
6.	Peaceful uses of outer space	6 175 700	346 100	6 521 800
	Subtotal, part II	**932 091 200**	**(86 152 700)**	**845 938 500**
	Part III. *International justice and law*			
7.	International Court of Justice	36 785 000	2 073 200	38 858 200
8.	Legal affairs	42 153 000	418 000	42 571 000
	Subtotal, part III	**78 938 000**	**2 491 200**	**81 429 200**
	Part IV. *International cooperation for development*			
9.	Economic and social affairs	157 474 100	(4 882 200)	152 591 900
10.	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	5 052 700	(242 500)	4 810 200
11.	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	10 803 100	(1 959 100)	8 844 000
12.	Trade and development	117 152 900	(3 393 300)	113 759 600
13.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	26 901 500	493 800	27 395 300
14.	Environment	12 286 600	864 000	13 150 600
15.	Human settlements	18 289 400	1 284 000	19 573 400
16.	International drug control, crime prevention and criminal justice	32 838 400	1 618 500	34 456 900
	Subtotal, part IV	**380 798 700**	**(6 216 800)**	**374 581 900**
	Part V. *Regional cooperation for development*			
17.	Economic and social development in Africa	107 404 200	(5 251 800)	102 152 400
18.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	74 664 800	6 108 800	80 773 600
19.	Economic development in Europe	57 110 000	743 200	57 853 200
20.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	97 180 100	(1 925 900)	95 254 200
21.	Economic and social development in Western Asia	56 324 600	2 650 200	58 974 800
22.	Regular programme of technical cooperation	46 881 400	598 600	47 480 000
	Subtotal, part V	**439 565 100**	**2 923 100**	**442 488 200**

Section		Amount approved in resolutions 61/253 A, 61/258 and 61/275	Increase (decrease)	Final appropriation
		(United States dollars)		
	Part VI. *Human rights and humanitarian affairs*			
23.	Human rights	88 009 100	(6 480 800)	81 528 300
24.	Protection of and assistance to refugees	67 031 200	1 470 400	68 501 600
25.	Palestine refugees	36 731 300	1 555 400	38 286 700
26.	Humanitarian assistance	26 566 000	(130 900)	26 435 100
	Subtotal, part VI	**218 337 600**	**(3 585 900)**	**214 751 700**
	Part VII. *Public information*			
27.	Public information	178 851 800	(7 887 100)	170 964 700
	Subtotal, part VII	**178 851 800**	**(7 887 100)**	**170 964 700**
	Part VIII. *Common support services*			
28A.	Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	20 560 500	368 300	20 928 800
28B.	Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	32 917 500	(1 848 000)	31 069 500
28C.	Office of Human Resources Management	67 557 400	1 968 800	69 526 200
28D.	Office of Central Support Services	245 453 800	267 700	245 721 500
28E.	Administration, Geneva	107 192 800	(348 400)	106 844 400
28F.	Administration, Vienna	35 297 400	1 020 200	36 317 600
28G.	Administration, Nairobi	19 645 200	3 463 500	23 108 700
	Subtotal, part VIII	**528 624 600**	**4 892 100**	**533 516 700**
	Part IX. *Internal oversight*			
29.	Internal oversight	30 943 800	(1 140 600)	29 803 200
	Subtotal, part IX	**30 943 800**	**(1 140 600)**	**29 803 200**
	Part X. *Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses*			
30.	Jointly financed administrative activities	7 799 200	1 683 100	9 482 300
31.	Special expenses	93 478 900	(1 744 700)	91 734 200
	Subtotal, part X	**101 278 100**	**(61 600)**	**101 216 500**
	Part XI. *Capital expenditures*			
32.	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	78 532 000	25 627 900	104 159 900
	Subtotal, part XI	**78 532 000**	**25 627 900**	**104 159 900**
	Part XII. *Safety and security*			
33.	Safety and security	195 537 800	(23 162 400)	172 375 400
	Subtotal, part XII	**195 537 800**	**(23 162 400)**	**172 375 400**
	Part XIII. *Development Account*			
34.	Development Account	16 480 900	71 000	16 551 900
	Subtotal, part XIII	**16 480 900**	**71 000**	**16 551 900**
	Part XIV. *Staff assessment*			
35.	Staff assessment	442 226 400	(6 911 800)	435 314 600
	Subtotal, part XIV	**442 226 400**	**(6 911 800)**	**435 314 600**
	Total	**4 302 005 000**	**(113 232 600)**	**4 188 772 400**

(*b*) The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee;

(*c*) In addition to the appropriations approved under subparagraph (*a*) above, an amount of 75,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 2006–2007 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment;

(*d*) To increase the provision under section 34, Development Account, by the amount of 5 million dollars.

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Final income estimates for the biennium 2006–2007

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the biennium 2006–2007:

(*a*) The estimates of income of 492,248,800 United States dollars approved by it in its resolutions 61/253 B of 22 December 2006, 61/258 of 26 March 2007 and 61/275 of 29 June 2007 shall be increased by 12,930,700 dollars, as follows:

Income section		*Amount approved in resolutions 61/253 B, 61/258 and 61/275*	*Increase (decrease)*	*Final estimate*
		(United States dollars)		
1.	Income from staff assessment	446 666 400	(7 156 500)	439 509 900
	Subtotal, income section 1	**446 666 400**	**(7 156 500)**	**439 509 900**
2.	General income	41 641 400	20 238 900	61 880 300
3.	Services to the public	3 941 000	(151 700)	3 789 300
	Subtotal, income sections 2 and 3	**45 582 400**	**20 087 200**	**65 669 600**
	Total	**492 248 800**	**12 930 700**	**505 179 500**

(*b*) The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

(*c*) Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications not provided for under the budget appropriations shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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62/236. Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 58/270 of 23 December 2003 and 60/246 of 23 December 2005,

Reaffirming its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/211 of 21 December 1987, 45/248 B, section VI, of 21 December 1990, 55/231 of 23 December 2000, 58/269 of 23 December 2003, 60/247 A to C of 23 December 2005 and 61/254 of 22 December 2006,

Reaffirming also the respective mandates of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in the consideration of the proposed programme budget,

Reaffirming further the role of the General Assembly, through the Fifth Committee, in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of posts and financial resources, as well as of human resources policies,

Recognizing the detrimental effect of the withholding of assessed contributions on the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations,

Having considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009,[1] the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the experience of the utilization of the contingency fund,[2] the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] chapter III.B of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination[4] and the report of the Secretary-

[1] A/62/6 (Introduction) and Corr.1, (Sects. 1–3), (Sect. 4) and Corr.1, (Sects. 5–7), (Sect. 8) and Corr.1, (Sects. 9–11), (Sect. 12) and Corr.1, (Sect. 13) and Add.1, (Sects. 14–18), (Sect. 19) and Corr.1, (Sects. 20–22), (Sect. 23) and Corr.1, (Sect. 24) and Corr.1, (Sects. 25–27), (Sect. 28), (Sect. 28A) and Corr.1, (Sect. 28B) and Corr.1, (Sect. 28C) and Corr.1, (Sect. 28D), (Sect. 28E) and Corr.1 and 2, (Sects. 28F and G), (Sect. 29) and Corr.1, (Sects. 30–35), (Income sects. 1–3) and A/62/91.

[2] A/62/229.

[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/62/7 and Corr.1); A/62/7/Add.1 and Corr.1 (for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7A*); and A/62/349.

[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/62/16).

General on the changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009,[5]

Stressing that the established procedures for the formulation, approval and implementation of the programme budget must be maintained and strictly followed,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

Policy issues

2. *Decides* that the staffing table for the biennium 2008–2009 shall be as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

3. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibility for administrative and budgetary matters;

4. *Also reaffirms* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;

5. *Further reaffirms* that no changes to the budget methodology, to established budgetary procedures and practices or to the financial regulations may be implemented without prior review and approval by the General Assembly, in accordance with established budgetary procedures;

6. *Reaffirms* the established budgetary procedures and methodology, based on its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strictly abide by the above-mentioned established budgetary procedures and methodology in future budget submissions;

8. *Stresses* that all Member States should fulfil their financial obligations as set out in the Charter of the United Nations on time, in full and without conditions;

9. *Notes with concern* the piecemeal approach to the budget process, and requests the Secretary-General, for all future proposed programme budgets, to take the necessary steps to avoid such a piecemeal approach to the budget process and ensure the fullest possible picture of the Organization's requirements for future bienniums;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011, to ensure full compliance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 55/231 and 58/269 and with the relevant recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee for Programme and Coordination, bearing in mind the intergovernmental, multilateral and international character of the United Nations;

11. *Emphasizes* the importance of providing the information necessary to enable Member States to make well-informed decisions;

12. *Reiterates* the priorities of the Organization for the period 2008–2009 as outlined in its resolution 61/235 of 22 December 2006;

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[5] A/62/80/Add.1.

[6] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/62/7 and Corr.1).

13. *Also reiterates* that the allocation of resources should reflect fully the priorities established in the biennial programme plan;[7]

14. *Emphasizes* that the resources proposed by the Secretary-General should be commensurate with all mandated programmes and activities in order to ensure their full, efficient and effective implementation;

15. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as contained in chapter III.B of its report;[4]

16. *Approves* the changes to programme 4, Peacekeeping operations, of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008–2009, as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General;[5]

17. *Also approves* the changes to the programme narratives of section 6, Peaceful uses of outer space; section 9, Economic and social affairs; section 11, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development; and section 23, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget, as reflected in the reports and statements of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General;[8]

18. *Emphasizes* that programmes and activities mandated by the General Assembly must be respected and implemented fully in the most effective and efficient manner;

19. *Takes note* of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as contained in paragraph 40 of its report;[6]

20. *Reaffirms* section II of its resolution 61/244 of 22 December 2006;

21. *Also reaffirms* paragraph 22 of its resolution 61/266 of 16 May 2007;

Accountability

22. *Recalls* its resolutions 61/245 of 22 December 2006 and 61/279 of 29 June 2007, and reiterates its request that the Secretary-General specifically define accountability as well as clear accountability mechanisms, including to the General Assembly, and propose clear parameters for its application and the instruments for its rigorous enforcement, without exception, at all levels, during the sixty-second session;

23. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen his efforts to achieve greater transparency at all levels;

Extrabudgetary funding

24. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011, to submit estimates of the total amount of resources, from all sources of financing, that he should have at his disposal to be able to implement fully the mandated programmes and activities efficiently and effectively;

25. *Encourages* donors to continue, where appropriate, to increase their contributions to the core budgets of the departments of the Secretariat;

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[7] Ibid., *Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/61/6/Rev.1).

[8] A/C.5/62/12, A/C.5/62/14, A/C.5/62/15, A/C.5/62/19, A/C.5/62/20, A/62/125 and A/62/515.

Results-based budgeting

26. *Reaffirms* paragraph 28 of its resolution 55/231, stresses the importance of results-based budgeting and the need for adequate training to ensure its full implementation, and looks forward to its review at future sessions;

Budget presentation

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in future budget submissions, to propose measures to offset budget increases, wherever possible, without undermining the implementation of mandated programmes and activities;

28. *Decides* that supplementary financial information being presented to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, including, inter alia, detailed explanations of requirements by component and source of funds and by object of expenditure, should also be made available to Member States, including through the Fifth Committee website;

Vacancy rates and staffing

29. *Expresses concern* at the high vacancy rate, especially in the Professional category of posts, in certain areas of the Organization, particularly in some duty stations and regional commissions, emphasizes in this regard its negative impact on the effective delivery of mandated programmes and activities, and requests the Secretary-General to recruit staff expeditiously through proper planning and by streamlining personnel practices and procedures to undertake necessary measures to reduce the vacancy rates;

30. *Reaffirms* that the vacancy rate is a tool for budgetary calculations and should not be used to achieve budgetary savings;

31. *Also reaffirms* that deliberate management decisions to keep a certain number of posts vacant should not be taken, as this action makes the budget process less transparent and the management of human and financial resources less efficient;

32. *Takes note* of paragraph 21 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[6]

33. *Notes* the practice of incremental budgeting where only new requirements are justified, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that whenever new proposals lead to requests for additional resources, sufficient effort is made to meet the new requirements using existing resources;

34. *Recalls* its resolution 35/217 of 17 December 1980, reaffirms the role of the General Assembly with regard to the structure of the Secretariat, including the creation, conversion, suppression and redeployment of posts, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Assembly with comprehensive information on all decisions involving established and temporary high-level posts, including equivalent positions financed from the regular budget and from extrabudgetary resources;

35. *Reiterates* that any transfer of resources between posts and non-post objects of expenditures would require the approval of the General Assembly;

36. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat to include in its report on the evaluation of human resources management, as requested in its resolution 61/235, a comprehensive review of the implementation of the recruitment, promotion and mobility policies of

United Nations staff over the past five years and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session in the context of human resources management;

37. *Recalls* paragraph VIII.85 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6] and encourages the Secretary-General to ensure uniformity of performance targets in the Secretariat, taking into account the unique circumstances of each duty station and regional commission with regard to the filling of vacant posts, and to apply lessons learned as a means to improve performance in timely recruitment;

38. *Notes* the need for more justification to substantiate the creation of new posts or the reclassification of existing posts;

39. *Recalls* its decision to authorize the Secretary-General to have limited budgetary discretion for the bienniums 2006–2007 and 2008–2009, in accordance with section III of its resolution 60/283 of 7 July 2006;

40. *Requests* the Secretary-General to expedite recruitment for P-2 posts, in accordance with established procedures, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session;

41. *Decides* that a vacancy rate of 6.5 per cent for Professional staff, 3.5 per cent for General Service staff and 27.2 per cent for field security staff shall be used as a basis for the calculation of the budget for the biennium 2008–2009;

Non-post costs

42. *Decides* to maintain the resources for travel of staff, contractual services and general operating expenses at the 2006–2007 level after recosting, and also decides that the relevant adjustments should not be applied to travel provisions of the regional commissions;

43. *Also decides* to reduce non-post resources by 2 per cent, other than for travel of staff, contractual services and general operating expenses;

Consultants

44. *Requests* the Secretary-General to select consultants and experts, as well as staff charged against general temporary assistance, on as wide a geographical basis as possible, in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the provisions of General Assembly resolution 53/221 of 7 April 1999;

Information technology and conference servicing

45. *Affirms* the importance of compatibility of all information technology resources within and across duty stations, and stresses that the resources requested for this purpose in the current budget should be fully integrated in the future enterprise resource system;

46. *Stresses* that the information and communications technology strategy should be implemented in a manner that will benefit all Headquarters departments, field missions, duty stations and regional commissions and their subregional offices, bearing in mind the different operational needs and environments within which they function;

47. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring that there is no discriminatory treatment among the principal organs of the United Nations and the Main Committees and subsidiary bodies and that they are provided with adequate and quality conference servicing and support;

Training

48. *Requests* the Secretary-General to allocate the approved resources for training on the basis of need and in an equitable manner, throughout the Secretariat, including for duty stations and regional commissions, and in this context stresses that equal training opportunities should be available for all staff, in accordance with their functions and categories;

49. *Stresses* that workshops, seminars and training courses should take advantage of the diverse sources of training opportunities available throughout the regions of the world;

Part I. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination

Section 1. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination

50. *Reaffirms* Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations;

51. *Stresses* the importance of strengthened accountability in the Organization and of ensuring greater accountability of the Secretary-General to Member States, inter alia, for the effective and efficient implementation of legislative mandates and the use of human and financial resources;

52. *Also stresses* the importance of accountability and responsiveness of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly;

53. *Emphasizes* that the Executive Office of the Secretary-General should lead the entire Organization in the context of reflection of geographical distribution and gender balance, in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions and the efficient utilization of non-post resources;

54. *Stresses* that members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions shall discharge their duties in full independence and in the sole interest of the Organization and its entire membership;

55. *Recognizes* the increase in the workload of, as well as the increased diversity and complexity of the questions examined by, the Advisory Committee without a commensurate increase in the staffing of the Committee secretariat;

56. *Decides* to approve one P-4 post to strengthen the staffing of the secretariat of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to review the functions of the post in the context of his next budget submission;

Section 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management

57. *Requests* the Secretary-General ensure that all duty stations are given equal treatment in respect of the application of modern technologies;

58. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all language services are given equal treatment and are provided with equally favourable working conditions and resources, with a view to achieving maximum quality of those services, with full respect for the specificities of the six official languages and taking into account their respective workloads;

59. *Notes* the critical importance of the services provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of the Secretariat, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to expedite the filling of all vacant posts in the Department in accordance with established procedures;

60. *Takes note* of paragraph I.25 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[6]

61. *Decides* to approve seven P-5 positions for Senior Revisers at United Nations Headquarters in New York;

62. *Requests* the Secretary-General to improve the on-time submission of documents and to institute measures for the accountability of the author departments for the late submission of the documents in the context of the report requested in its resolution 62/225 of 22 December 2007;

63. *Decides* not to approve a D-2 post proposed for the Director of the Central Planning and Coordination Division in New York;

64. *Also decides* to defer the establishment of a P-4 post proposed for the position of Deputy Chief of the Information Management and Technology Unit of the Central Planning and Coordination Division in New York until the start of the implementation of the information and communications technology reform plan;

65. *Welcomes* the efforts made in workload-sharing among the duty stations, and requests the Secretary-General actively to pursue efficiencies to be gained through possible workload-sharing in conference services among United Nations Headquarters and other duty stations;

Part II. Political affairs

Section 3. Political affairs

66. *Regrets* the high vacancy rate in authorized posts for the United Nations Register of Damage caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and urges the Secretary-General to expedite the filling of these posts as a matter of priority;

67. *Emphasizes* the need for collaboration between the Department of Political Affairs, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support, of the Secretariat, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure systemic cooperation so as to prevent duplication among the three departments;

68. *Takes note* of paragraph II.18 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6] and decides to approve the positions referred to under general temporary assistance;

69. *Decides* that the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support shall be appointed by the Secretary-General following consultations with Member States, that for this purpose the Secretary-General shall appoint the Assistant Secretary-General with due regard for geographical rotation and that in so doing he shall be guided by the provisions of paragraph 3 (*e*) of General Assembly resolution 46/232 of 2 March 1992, in which the Assembly decided, in particular, that, as a general rule, no national of a Member State should succeed a national of that State in a senior post and that there should be no monopoly on senior posts by nationals of any State or group of States;

70. *Also decides* that the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support shall serve for one fixed term of five years without possibility of renewal;

Section 5. Peacekeeping operations

71. *Regrets* the slow progress in recruitment for the posts approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 61/279 on strengthening the capacity of the United Nations to manage and sustain peacekeeping operations, and urges the Secretary-General to fill the vacant posts as a matter of priority;

72. *Deeply regrets* that the post of Under-Secretary-General for Field Support has not yet been filled, and requests the Secretary-General to expedite recruitment for this post, taking fully into account paragraph 2 of section IX of its resolution 61/244;

Part IV. International cooperation for development

Section 9. Economic and social affairs

73. *Recalls* its resolution 60/1 of 16 September 2005, recognizes the need for strengthening of the development pillar of the United Nations Secretariat and the importance of strategic planning, and requests the Secretary-General to provide a comprehensive proposal at the first part of its resumed sixty-second session for its consideration with a view to improving the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development-related activities of the Secretariat, including the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the regional commissions and the Development Account;

74. *Requests* the Secretary-General to fill one P-3 post for the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues expeditiously;

Section 10. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States

75. *Urges* the Secretary-General to develop a concrete strategic action plan to achieve greater mobilization of resources to ensure that programme delivery can continue effectively;

76. *Notes with concern* the designation of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States as the focal point for the activities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Liaison Office at United Nations Headquarters without the approval of the General Assembly, and requests the Secretary-General to restore the mandate of the New York Office of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

77. *Emphasizes* the crucial importance of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, established as the follow-up mechanism to ensure the timely and effective implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010,[9] the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries[10] and the Mauritius Strategy for the

[9] A/CONF.191/13, chap II.

[10] *Report of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 28 and 29 August 2003* (A/CONF.202/3), annex I.

Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;[11]

78. *Notes with concern* a decrease of 61 per cent [12] in estimated extrabudgetary resources for the biennium 2008–2009 as compared to the biennium 2006–2007 and its detrimental impact on the overall programme delivery of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, and requests the Secretary-General to mobilize adequate resources from all sources to support the mandates related to this programme during the biennium 2008–2009;

Section 11. United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

79. *Recalls* that the development of Africa is an established priority of the United Nations, and reaffirms the commitment to address the special needs of Africa;

80. *Also recalls* General Assembly resolution 57/300 of 20 December 2002 and other resolutions calling for the strengthening of mechanisms to support the New Partnership for Africa's Development;[13]

81. *Further recalls* paragraph IV.18 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[6]

82. *Notes with concern* that extrabudgetary resources for the biennium 2008–2009 represent a significant drop when compared to the biennium 2006–2007, and requests the Secretary-General to make greater efforts to mobilize extrabudgetary resources for this programme and to ensure that the special needs for Africa are fully addressed;

83. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to urgently fill the position of Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser for Africa as a matter of priority;

Section 12. Trade and development

84. *Takes note with serious concern* of the decision of the Secretary-General to temporarily lend the post of Assistant Secretary-General from this programme to the United Nations Office at Geneva and its adverse implications for programme delivery, and requests the Secretary-General to restore the post to this programme and to undertake urgent measures to fill the post as a matter of priority;

Section 15. Human settlements

85. *Recalls* paragraph 114 of its resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to make every effort to ensure stability and predictability in funding the activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including through the provision of sufficient human and financial resources within the regular budget of the United Nations;

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[11] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[12] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/62/7 and Corr.1), para. IV.14.

[13] A/57/304, annex.

Part V. Regional cooperation for development

86. *Emphasizes* the important contribution that the regional commissions are making towards the implementation of the development agenda and other mandates given to them arising from the outcome of the Millennium Summit [14] and other major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields;

87. *Reiterates its requests* to the Secretary-General to ensure a more balanced proportion of staff costs devoted to programme support in comparison with those devoted to the programme of work in all the regional commissions, in particular in the Economic Commission for Africa;

Section 17. Economic and social development in Africa

88. *Welcomes* the Secretary-General's plan of action to enhance the role of the subregional offices of the Economic Commission for Africa;

89. *Recognizes* that the repositioning of the Economic Commission for Africa is a crucial element of reform shaping the work of the Commission for the biennium 2008–2009 and beyond, and notes that the repositioning will enhance the role of the Commission in strengthening coordination and collaboration among United Nations agencies and other agencies;

90. *Emphasizes* the key role of the Economic Commission for Africa in strengthening coordination and collaboration among United Nations agencies and other entities within the region;

Section 17B. Regional Commissions New York Office

91. *Takes note* of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph V.25 of its report;[6]

92. *Decides* to establish one P-3 post for the Regional Commissions New York Office as from 2009 and to abolish one General Service (Principal level) post;

Section 20. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

93. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for more productive utilization of the allocated resources and the policy of recruiting national officers;

94. *Notes with concern* the difficulties experienced by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in finalizing agreements for extrabudgetary funding of its projects with certain international financial institutions;

Section 22. Regular programme of technical cooperation

95. *Requests* the Secretary-General to streamline, in accordance with budgetary guidelines, the use of long-term advisers in the execution of projects

[14] See resolution 55/2.

under the regular programme of technical cooperation and to report thereon in the next budget submission;

96. *Welcomes* the introduction of results-based budgeting at the subprogramme level;

Part VI. Human rights and humanitarian affairs

Section 23. Human rights

97. *Regrets* the imbalance in the geographical distribution in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs;

98. *Recalls* its resolution 61/244, and requests the Secretary-General to implement urgent measures to improve the balance in the geographical distribution in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, including through recruitment for newly established posts, and to report on the results achieved at its sixty-third session under the relevant agenda item;

99. *Notes* the importance of having information on monitoring the utilization of extrabudgetary resources for the activities of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

100. *Recognizes* that the overall amount appropriated for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for the biennium 2006–2007 represents a 36.6 per cent increase over the revised appropriation for the biennium 2004–2005, and decides to use the revised estimates for the biennium 2004–2005 as the baseline for the agreed doubling of resources for the Office;

101. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services to undertake a comprehensive review of human resources management in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the efficiency of the implementation of its mandate and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session;

102. *Notes with great concern* the late submission of revised estimates [15] relating to Human Rights Council decision 3/104 of 8 December 2006 [16] and the inclusion of additional funds to be charged against the contingency fund rather than their inclusion in the original budget proposals for the biennium 2008–2009;

103. *Recalls* paragraph 11 of its resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006;

104. *Requests*, in this regard, the Human Rights Council to exercise greater financial discipline with due regard for regulation 5.6 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,[17] through endeavours such as seeking the most cost-effective measures to implement its mandates;

105. *Encourages* Member States participating in the Junior Professional Officer programme to increase sponsorship of Junior Professional Officers from developing countries;

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[15] A/62/125.

[16] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 53* (A/62/53), chap. II.B.

[17] ST/SGB/2000/8.

106. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in proposing posts for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, to ensure their conformity with relevant legislative mandates, including those of the Human Rights Council;

Section 25. Palestine refugees

107. *Reaffirms* its resolution 3331B (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, stating that expenses for salaries of international staff in the service of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, which would otherwise be a charge on voluntary contributions, should be financed by the regular budget of the United Nations for the duration of the Agency's mandate;

108. *Notes with concern* the significant reduction in the total resources for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East over the past ten years while the overall workload and responsibilities of the programme have continued to increase;

109. *Decides* to approve the establishment of the following posts for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: one D-2 for regional fund-raising, one P-5 for a Senior Protection and Policy Adviser, one P-4 for assessment, monitoring and evaluation, and one P-4 for a Gender Adviser, and requests the Secretary-General to present proposals for new posts in the context of his next budget submission;

Part VII. Public information

Section 27. Public information

110. *Stresses* the importance of the status and image of the United Nations to enable effective implementation of its mandates, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the highest priority is given, in the context of the United Nations communication strategy, to the promotion and advocacy of the image of the United Nations in the face of frequent damaging reporting on United Nations activities;

111. *Also stresses* the importance of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to address effectively and in a timely manner any allegations of misconduct against peacekeepers, as well as other allegations against the Secretariat, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session;

112. *Further stresses* the publication of United Nations information materials and the translation of important documents in languages other than United Nations official languages, with a view to reaching the widest possible spectrum of audiences and extending the United Nations message to all the corners of the world in order to strengthen international support for the activities of the Organization;

113. *Requests* the Secretary-General to promote public awareness of and to mobilize support for the work of the United Nations at the local level through all possible means of communication, including publications, the broadcasting of news and the network of United Nations information centres, bearing in mind that information in local languages has the strongest impact on local populations;

114. *Recognizes* the vital role of the United Nations information centres in promoting awareness about the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to make efforts to mobilize resources for the effective functioning of United Nations information centres in developing countries;

115. *Notes* the gap among the six official languages on the United Nations website;

116. *Reaffirms* the need to achieve full parity among the six official languages on the United Nations website;

117. *Notes with concern* that three out of four established posts are still vacant in the Arabic Language Unit of the United Nations Web Services Section, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to fill the three vacancies as a matter of priority and to inform the General Assembly through the Committee on Information at its 2008 session;

118. *Notes* the importance of the Graphic Design Unit in communicating the messages of the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to present proposals to enhance professional skills in this Unit in his next budget submission;

119. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to expand the scope of press releases in addition to the existing languages in order to widen the United Nations message, assuring their comprehensiveness and up-to-date nature;

120. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to undertake a review of the Secretariat's public information organizational framework, including a detailed explanation and analysis of its resources in all departments of the Secretariat at Headquarters, other duty stations and in field missions with a view to achieving increased coordination and efficiencies in the allocation of resources across the Secretariat;

121. *Recalls* paragraph VII.6 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6] decides not to approve resources requested in paragraph 27.49 of the report of the Secretary-General,[18] and requests the Secretary-General to utilize the existing staff and resources of the Department of Public Information to support the special conferences while bearing in mind that the coverage of large-scale events may entail additional personnel, without prejudice to the source of funding;

Part VIII. Common support services

Section 28C. Office of Human Resources Management

122. *Regrets* that a P-5 post as requested for enhancing the outreach activities of the Office of Human Resources Management may not be sufficient to achieve the balance in recruitment as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 61/244;

Section 28D. Office of Central Support Services

123. *Decides* to reduce provisions under section 28D by 18 million United States dollars, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the impact of the reduction in the context of the performance report;

Section 28G. Administration, Nairobi

124. *Recalls* paragraph 101 of its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997;

[18] See A/62/6 (Sect. 27).

125. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to continue to bring the financial arrangements of the United Nations Office at Nairobi in line with those of similar United Nations administrative offices;

Part IX. Internal oversight

Section 29. Internal oversight

126. *Takes note* of paragraph IX.7 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[6]

127. *Decides* to redeploy a P-5 post from subprogramme 1, Internal audit, to the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services, for the function of a Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary-General at the P-5 level;

128. *Reaffirms* the central role of monitoring, inspection and evaluation in the programme planning process, and decides to continue the current arrangements under general temporary assistance for nine positions to strengthen subprogramme 2, Inspection and evaluation, one at the D-2 level, three at the P-3 level, four at the P-2 level and one General Service (Other level) post;

Part X. Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses

Section 30. Jointly financed administrative activities

129. *Decides* to establish one P-2 and one P-3 Research Officer post for the Inspections and Evaluations Group of the Joint Inspection Unit;

130. *Also decides* to abolish two General Service (Other level) posts for a Registry Clerk and a Research Assistant;

Part XII. Safety and security

Section 33. Safety and security

131. *Decides* not to reclassify a D-2 post to the Assistant Secretary-General level for the Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security;

132. *Also decides* not to establish a P-2 post for the function of Internal Affairs Officer in the Department of Safety and Security of the Secretariat.

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Annex

Staffing table for the biennium 2008–2009

Professional and above	
Deputy Secretary-General	1
Under-Secretary-General	29
Assistant Secretary-General	25
D-2	97
D-1	269
P-5	793
P-4/3	2 615
P-2/1	508
Subtotal	**4 337**
General Service	
Principal level	280
Other level	2 732
Subtotal	**3 012**
Other	
Security Service	306
Local level	1 907
Field Service	139
National Officer	52
Trades and Crafts	176
Subtotal	**2 580**
Total	**9 929**